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# The CIA

## Ex-agent tells of torture, lies and chaos

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Dirty tricks by the Central Intelligence Agency have toppled governments and influenced American presidential elections, a former CIA agent said Wednesday.

Speaking to students and reporters at Colby College, John Stockwell ran down some sensational allegations:

- In South America, CIA agents schooled Latin American police officers in the art of interrogation, which included torture. In training, "they took beggars off the streets to use as guinea pigs," Stockwell said.

- But they had nothing to tell their interrogators. "All they could do is write in pain."

- "It isn't just Gestapo maniacs who do these things. It's any-

- one of any nationality," he said.
- After the unsuccessful Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba, the CIA embarked on a seven-year binge of destabilization, Stockwell said. To promote economic chaos, agents burned sugar crops, spread diseases among livestock and placed double bombs in department stores.

- "People are crawling in the rubble to get the people out and

BOOM! another bomb goes off — nice-guy stuff like that."

- During the 1980 presidential campaign, the agency "bailed out on Jimmy Carter and started feeding information to Ronald Reagan. The CIA very much wanted Reagan to win."

Washington insiders believe that bail-out led to the Carter briefing paper debate reported by the news media last year, Stockwell said.



"The CIA far and away leads the world in acts of terrorism."

No one has turned up documented proof that the CIA was involved, but many journalists and government officials suspect it. "That's why that thing is so explosive."

Stockwell is the author of "In Search of Enemies," an account of his CIA career from 1964 through 1977, when he became fed up with the dirty tricks employed by the agency.

A Texas native and former Marine officer, Stockwell was recruited by the CIA while he was working for a rubber company in Colorado. He spent six months in "spy school" to "learn the language of the operation."

For six years he was in Africa organizing spy networks. He said at

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